



FINANCE COMMITTEE
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July 28, 2016 approved minutes of the Finance Committee on Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Finance Committee
 Public Meeting/Public Hearing
 Conference Room F
 Thursday, July 28, 2016
 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Public Meeting

Public meeting called to order by Chairman Ed Prisby at 7:00 P.M.

Public Hearing

Motion: Don Davison moved that the Finance Committee open its public hearing.

Seconded : Sue Robbins. All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee opened at 7:00 P.M.

Finance Committee

Present: Ed Prisby, Sue Robbins, Skip Currier, Don Davison, Barry Smith, Jennifer Dorazio(7:01 P.M.)

Absent: Heather McCue, Joel Schwendemann

Others Present:

Public citizen Angela Davison (see public hearing sign in sheet)

Assistant Town Administrator Doug Willardson is present to review the warrant articles prepared for the August 08, 2016 Special Town Meeting with the public and the Finance Committee:

- Review of the history of the property on 104 Creeper Hill Road North Grafton, MA
- Russo Brothers would like to purchase the property
- Building construction is anticipated for Fall 2016.
- Title Insurance is needed to complete the legal process to allow the construction to begin
- Article 1 is needed to clarify the pricing and the sale for the process to continue with the Russo Brothers purchasing the property
- The Russo Brothers will own all of the property behind the cell tower with the exception of the wetlands
- The Town will be selling the whole parcel to Russo Brothers but the arrangement with Russo Brothers will allow the Town the easement needed for the cell tower use
- The entire property will be reassessed once purchased.

Anticipating tax revenue of \$12,000 per year plus the building assessment

- There has been a past bidder for \$125,000.00

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- Russo Brothers will be purchasing for \$200,000.00

Russo Brothers is a land developer business.

They are moving their offices from Framingham, MA to Grafton, MA

Close the Public Hearing of the Finance Committee

Motion: Skip Currier moved that the Finance Committee close its public hearing.

Seconded: Sue Robbins.

All in favor. Motion carries.

The public hearing of the Finance Committee closed at 7:10 P.M.

Review and voting on the Articles of the August 08, 2016 warrant:

Article 1

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written.

Seconded: Skip Currier. All in favor. Motion carries.

Article 2

Motion: Skip Currier moved that the Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 as written.

Seconded: Barry Smith. All in favor. Motion carries.

Fire Department apparatus review

- Doug Willardson stated the following:

The report from the independent consultant firm is due in 3 weeks

The charge of the firm is to only review Fire apparatus.

Recommendation discussion for Articles 1 and 2 of the August 08, 2016 Warrant

Detemination:

Article 1

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 1 as written.

This property has been put out to bid twice and the Town has received 2 offers: One in the amount of \$125,000.00 and the other in the amount of \$200,000.00. The Town cannot sell the property to the high bidder without rescinding the voted amount in Article 19 of the May 20al Town Meeting.

Article 2

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 2 as written.

Finance Committee agrees with this change as it supports economic development within Grafton.

This article requires no additional funding.

Minutes of June 15, 2016

The minutes of June 15, 2016 have been tabled for review on September 14, 2016.

Bills

Holden Landmark in the amount of \$36.00

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve payment to Holden Landmark in the amount of \$36.00 for public hearing legal posting in The Grafton News.

Seconded: Skip Currier. All in favor. Motion carries

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Association of Town Finance Committees

Annual dues in the amount of \$236.00

Motion: Sue Robbins moved that the Finance Committee approve payment to the Association of Town Finance Committees in the amount of \$236.00 for annual dues fiscal year 2017.

Seconded Don Davison. All in favor. Motion carries

Future warrants communication

Finance Committee Assistant Susan Fiacco will communicate to the Board of Selectmen's and Town Administrator's office the following:

- the need to receive Warrant article information in a timely fashion in order to meet Finance Committee's legal obligations.
- Renew past practice to receive drafts of the warrant articles as they are received.

Review of the schedule of upcoming Finance Committee meeting dates

- **Annual meeting of the Association of Town Finance Committees on October 15, 2016**

Attendance to date: Ed Prisby, Barry Smith, Sue Robbins will confirm, Jennifer Dorazio will confirm

- **Special Town Meeting on Monday, August 08, 2016**

Can Attend: Sue Robbins, Skip Currier, Jennifer Dorazio, Heather McCue, Barry Smith

Cannot Attend: Ed Prisby, Don Davison. Joel Schwendemann

- All other meeting dates are set up to prepare for the October 17, 2016 Town Meeting.

Finance Committee representation on other committees

- Discussion and Appointment have been tabled until September 14, 2016 public meeting
- Barry Smith voiced his interest in serving on the School Budget Subcommittee

Adjournment

Motion: Skip Currier moved that the Finance Committee adjourn its public meeting.

Seconded: Don Davison. All in favor. Motion Carries.

The public meeting of the Finance Committee closed at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Fiacco



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PLEASE SIGN IN

Thursday, July 28, 2016

Public Hearing

Sign in Sheet

Name

Address

Warrant article that you are interested in:

Angela Dawson

35 Kaye Circle

Doug Willardson

26 Nottingham Rd